

Feb. 25 1944

Mr Jeff Guinn  
309 N. First St.  
Martins Ferry Ohio

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of Feb. 19th and am hastening to answer it, as it unusually interesting coming from a rookie.

You said you could get references from two managers of ballclubs in your neighborhood. I do not know either of the men you mentioned personally, but I would appreciate a letter from them.

You of course can understand, I cannot take every ballplayer who writes me to training camp. The only time a rookie is taken to camp is when he is recommended by some one whom you know. However the only way to give a rookie a fair trial is to let him go to camp, and have time to get in condition, and work with the team. On the strength of your letter, I am willing to take you to camp if you will pay your own fare there, with the understanding I will return it to you if you make the team. We have not decided definitely where we will train as yet, but it will probably be Richmond Va.

Write me again, and let me know if you are interested in this proposal so I will know whether or not to plan for you.

Very Truly Yours